Privacy Viewed Differently by Each Government

Privacy is also a political issue.

Every government is different...

- Until around 2011 (relaxed a bit earlier), France banned the use of cryptography.
- **US** publicly supports privacy, but **secretly works to maintain strong surveillance** capabilities in both telephony and the Internet.
- China openly asserts its right to inspect and control information, and has built the "Great Firewall" to control access to the international Internet.